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KUNZE LIES AT DIES HEARING

Hour Tells the Story Behind
Bund Leader's Testimony

On October 1, Wilhelm Kunze, present fuehrer of the German-American Bund, testified at a Dies hearing at Newark, New Jersey, that his organization is not anti-Semitic. Specifically, he said: "We are not anti-Semitic. We don't hate any race. But there are certain individual cases where we have expressed ourselves against the Jews. We have never been anti-Semitic except in self-defense." He added that his Bund stood for democratic and American principles above all else.

Many eyebrows were raised at Kunze's statements. Some people decided that perhaps the Bund had really decided to drop anti-Semitism from its program. But this delusion vanishes in the light of certain salient facts Kunze committed from his testimony.

Bund's New Strategy

Kunze failed to tell how, consequent to Fritz Kuhn's imprisonment, Bund leaders decided to "soft-pedal" the Jewish question. Their decision was motivated by the growing conviction that the Bund's blatant anti-Semitism was doing their cause more harm than good, and that continued attacks against the Jewish people would only increase the already adequate hostility of the American public. Key promoter of the campaign of "modification" was Wilbur V. Keegan, suave counsel for the Bund.

At the time it was agreed to eliminate anti-Jewish references from the official Bund newspaper, The Free American and Deutsche Weckruf und Beobachter. However, devoted Bundites felt it would be too great a sacrifice of their principles if all anti-Semitism were dropped from the paper. A compromise was reached, which The Hour is now able to expose.

The compromise was this: attacks on the Jews would be eliminated from the English section of the Weckruf; the German-language section, however, would continue to assail the Jews as vigorously as before.

Current Issues of Weckruf Expose Kunze's Lie

Any recent issue of the Weckruf will show the methodical manner in which the decision has been carried out. All articles written

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in English are devoid of reference to the Jewish people. The articles in German are violently anti-Semitic. In the September 26 issue, for example the three leading articles in the German-language section are devoted to slandering the Jews. Einstein and other German refugees are described as "Refu-Jews" (this Nazi anglicization having now been relegated to the German section). The articles include dozens of other Nazi phrases, like "mud-slinger from the tribe of Israel," "products of Judea," "heartlessly Jewish and brutally talmudic." Another recent issue discusses the "insanities, especially dangerous to the Nordic race," and points out that chief among these "modern insanities are freemasonry and democracy which both gave a chance to Jewry to come to power,"

Bund leaders felt that the Dies hearing at Newark would provide them with the opportunity of publicizing their "new" platform. It was decided Kunze should emphasize the fact that his organization was "pro-democratic" and not anti-Semitic.

It is clear, however, that, in spite of Kunze's protestations, the Nazism and the anti-Semitism of the German-American Bund remain undiminished.

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ITALIAN-AMERICAN FASCISTS IN "DEMOCRATIC" DISGUISE

Their Latest Strategy a Part of Nationwide Development

Almost without exception, the U. S. anti-democrats are today coining "democratic" slogans. Finally realizing that openly to proclaim their cause is simply to invite the resentment of the public, they are now guided by the formula advanced by the late Huey Long: if fascism comes to America, he said, it must come in the disguise of 100% Americanism. Even the German-American Bund is loudly heralding its "affection" for democracy.

The fascists among the Italian-Americans are outstanding exponents of the Long strategy. By parading under "democratic" banners; they hope to break down the opposition of their fellow Italian-Americans, the vast majority of whom are staunch anti-fascists. They are convinced they can thus lead thousands of fresh recruits into their camp.

The so-called "Federation of Italian-American Democratic Organizations of the State of New York, Inc.," provides an excellent example of the "pro-democratic" work being carried on by Italian-American fascists. According to a handsomely printed booklet now being distributed by the Federation,

"Its aim is to teach the pure doctrine of democracy, to avoid any schisms of organizations from the regular Democratic Party and its leaders, to devise ways and means which will serve the interests of the Democratic Party, to encourage non-citizens to become citizens, to teach them

the full understanding of the oath of allegiance to this great nation, and also to fully understand the constitution of the United States."

Some Facts About the Federation's Founder

Founder and president of the Federation is a gentleman by the name of Jack Ingegnieros. Mr. Ingegnieros, who also founded the Sunset Democratic Club of Harlem, is very active in Democratic Party work and claims to move in top party circles. The booklet which Ingegnieros' organization is distributing describes how, at the last convention held by the Federation, "Telegrams from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor Herbert H. Lehman and other luminaries of the Democratic Party praised Ingegnieros for his splendid work of Americanization."

Mr. Ingegnieros has had an interesting career. Certain aspects of it are outlined in a biographical sketch that appeared on September 2, 1939, in an Italian-language newspaper, Il Nuovo Vessillo (The New Banner), published in New York City. The article tells how Ingegnieros, who was in Italy when Mussolini seized power, regards his own role in that historical event: "As an Italian at heart, I could do no less than to don the black shirt and so I became a Fascist. ... As a well-disciplined Fascist I performed my sacred duty and took part in the March on Rome under the orders of the Duce ..." According to the article, when Ingegnieros came to the United States following the establishment of fascism in Italy, he declared: "... a people, a nation, a party, must express its strength and therefore needs discipline and union such as are symbolized by the Roman Lictor of Fascism, signs of power and command."

Ingegnieros' Fascist Sympathies Remain Unchanged

Today, Mr. Ingegnieros is as ardent a fascist as he was in the early 1920's. On a recent six months' visit in Italy, he was enthusiastically received by Mussolini's son-in-law, Count Galeazzo Ciano, and other satellites of Italian Fascism. When he returned early in 1940 to the United States, he issued statements warmly praising the fascist regime in Italy. After interviewing him, Il Nuovo Vessillo stated: "We were happy to see that his spiritual immersion in the Italian spirit had made him younger and keener than ever and had increased a hundredfold his pride in being a Fascist and his enthusiastic adoration for Italy and the Duce."

It is not without reason that the address of the Federation of Italian-American Democratic Organizations is 225 Lafayette Street, New York City. At the same address are located the anti-Semitic Italian-language weekly, Il Grido della Stirpe ("The Cry of the Race"), and the fascist organizations the Association of Italians Abroad, the National United Italian Association, and the Lictor Federation.

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SANCTUARY'S LATEST PAMPHLET

Colonel E. N. Sanctuary, violent anti-Semite and intimate of Nazi agents, is now distributing on a wide scale a pamphlet entitled Revolution and the Real Fifth Column. The pamphlet sets out to "expose" the Fifth Column in the U. S. Government in much the same way as does Joseph Kamp's The Fifth Column In Washington, which has recently been discussed at length in The Hour.

The frontispiece of Revolution and the Real Fifth Column consists of a photograph of President Roosevelt, bearing the caption "The 1st Communistic President of the United States." According to the imaginative Sanctuary, this illustration is a replica of placards distributed throughout the Soviet Union to show the people of that country the headway that Bolshevism has made in the United States!

The booklet viciously attacks all liberal and labor forces in this country, states that "World-Jewry" is seeking to undermine America, and recommends for further reading such Nazi-style propaganda and anti-Semitic forgeries as The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, The Talmud Unmasked, and Tearing Away the Veils.

Sanctuary's Connections

Colonel Sanctuary, who lives at 511 West 11th Street, New York City, has for some time been one of the key U. S. distributors of fascist propaganda. Most of his printing is done by Peter Stahrenberg of the American Nationalist Press, 205 East 12th Street, New York City, where large quantities of Nazi literature are regularly turned out.

Two of the most vitriolic anti-Jewish publications of which Sanctuary is author are entitled Are These Things So and Tainted Contacts. His tirades are by no means directed solely against the Jewish people. He vigorously assails such bodies as the Union Theological Seminary, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the National Labor Relations Board. Whenever he has the opportunity, he slanders liberal Protestant ministers like Bishop McConnell.

Sanctuary has played a leading role in such anti-democratic, anti-labor organizations as the American Vigilance Intelligence Association and the American Christian Defenders. Among the native Naziphiles with whom he has been closely associated are Harry Jung, Gerald B. Winrod, General George Van Horn Moseley, Congressman Thorkelson, Robert Edward Edmondson, and Ralph M. Easley. Father Charles E. Coughlin has frequently made use of the anti-democratic material distributed by Sanctuary.

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